

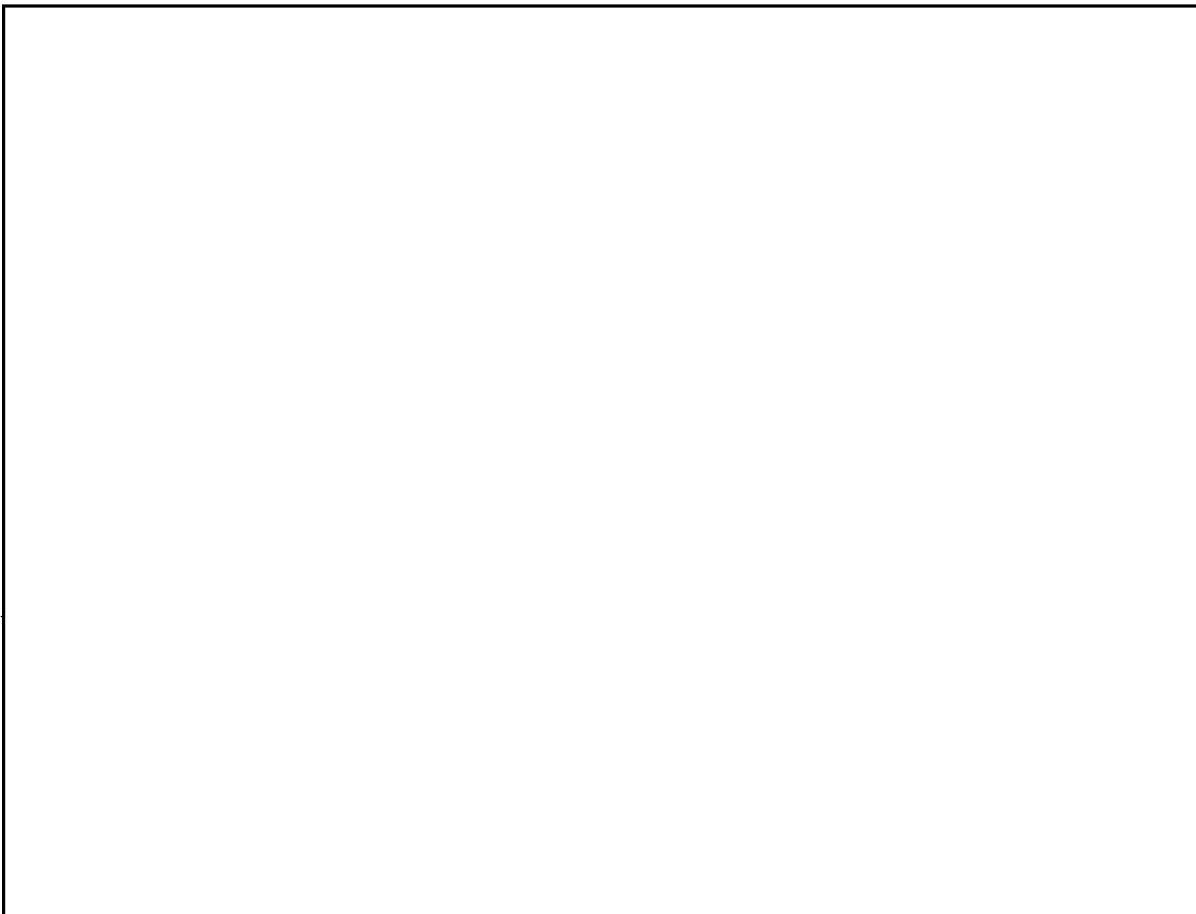
MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Central Reference
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT : Industrial Register of OCR

1. This memorandum is for your information, and is responsive to your request for assessment of the Industrial Register based upon the IG Survey of OCR which is now in progress.

2. It is my understanding that, due to current reorganization problems in the DD/I area, consideration is being given to abolishing the Industrial Register of OCR, or, at least, to heavy curtailment of the services presently rendered by IR to the Intelligence Community. Emphasis on more sensitive intelligence may be one of the reasons for the reorganization problem, but we feel the collateral intelligence of the type currently serviced by IR is unique and essential to the consumers.

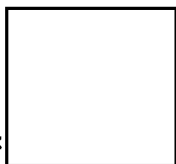
3. We believe that the functions performed by IR are needed by the Intelligence Community and that to abolish these functions would be a step backward. The survey has revealed that man-hours devoted to requester service in IR have increased over the past three years, with marked increases in the use of IR by ORR and by the Army. Man-hours devoted to requester service represent only a portion of the workload of IR. The majority of the work consists of the screening of material, placing it in the industrial files, and collating these files so that the material is readily available to serve the Community.

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6. There is little question but that ORR analysts could maintain their own reference files, which they do at this time on a limited scale. But to concentrate these materials in ORR would constitute a denial of the principal of Central Reference and would make the service of other Agency and non-Agency consumers difficult.

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